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June 11, 2014

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: John C. Austin, President

SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of State Board of Education  
Mission and Priorities for 2013-2015

The State Board of Education discussed the 2013-2015 mission and priorities at its Retreat on June 3, 2014. Attachment A is "Michigan State Board of Education Mission and Priorities 2013-2015," and Attachment B is "Michigan Department of Education Mission and Priorities 2013-2015."

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the State Board of Education Mission and Priorities for 2013-2015, as attached to the President's memorandum dated June 11, 2014.

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**MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MISSION AND PRIORITIES  
2013-2015**

***MISSION: All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community.***

**PRIORITY 1:** Lead in developing a vision and comprehensive plan for redesigning Michigan school organization and finance that supports attainment of robust learning standards, necessary skills, and good outcomes for all students; and that provides the requisite, predictable and fairly delivered public funding to reasonably achieve these goals.

**PRIORITY 2:** Advocate for and impact policies and legislation that address preK-12 education issues, including but not limited to, educator evaluations, Common Core Standards and Assessments, Michigan science standards, low performing schools, early learning, special education services, schools in deficit, teacher preparation, English as a second language, migrant education, and curriculum. Where possible, the Michigan Department of Education will propose alternatives to current laws that unnecessarily restrict school function, better practices for students, or executive of K-12 best practices.

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MISSION AND PRIORITIES  
2013-15**

***MISSION: All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community.***

**PRIORITY 1:** Close achievement gaps in reading and math, with an initial focus on African-American young men for whom data show are Michigan's persistently lowest achieving student group.

**PRIORITY 2:** Increase the number of children in appropriate high quality early learning and development programs.

**PRIORITY 3:** Increase the number of children who are reading at grade level by the end of third grade.

**PRIORITY 4:** Increase the use of personalized teaching methods, including the integration of technology for K-14 grade students to improve learning and outcomes.

**PRIORITY 5:** Implement policies and activities to drive quality improvement and accountability in Educator Preparation Institution (EPI) programs.

**PRIORITY 6:** Reduce health and safety barriers to learning.

**PRIORITY 7:** Promote financial health and stability for public schools.